

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, February 20, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

He laid his hands on the man's eyes a second time and he saw clearly. (Mark 8:25)

People who are blind often use guide dogs to "see" for them. But learning to work with a guide dog is not something that happens automatically. It can take weeks or even months for the blind person and the dog to learn how to trust each other and work together. But once that happens, the blind person often feels free to go almost anywhere.

The blind man in this passage knew that Jesus was a miracle worker and healer. He wanted to see, but he must have been unsure about where Jesus was leading him and what he was doing. He had to trust in the Lord.

How many times have you found yourself in a situation like this man, not knowing where you are going or how Jesus is going to work things out? You might have felt confused: Why is God letting this happen? How will he resolve this situation? When am I finally going to be able to see what he is up to?

If you're feeling that way now, picture this blind man

leaning on Jesus and letting Jesus lead him. Step-by-step he trusted in him, believing that Jesus could heal him. Now imagine yourself with Jesus instead. Imagine him taking you by the hand and guiding you. You don't know where he is leading you, but you trust that he knows what is best. You trust that even if you don't understand what's happening at the moment, you will someday.

Like the trust that builds between a blind person and her guide dog, we need to build up our trust in the Lord over time. We do that by staying close to him and letting him guide us in those times when we aren't facing a crisis. As we learn to trust him with small things, we will be more peaceful when we are faced with serious challenges. We will know from experience that God is on our side, and we will grow in confidence that he will eventually help us to see our challenges through his eyes of love.

What's on your mind today? Bring it to Jesus. Then lean on him and let him guide you. Trust that he will help you to see!

"Jesus, you are always here for me. Give me the grace to trust you more and more."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ The Fighting Irish Men's Basketball team defeated Loyd Star 57-45 last night in the 1st round of the South State Playoffs. The Irish were led by Jay Parker with 28 points, 6 rebounds, and 4 assists. Windfield Swetman contributed 14 points, 6 rebounds, and and turned in a great defensive performance. Michael Moeller, Nick Krass, and Parker Frame played well for the Irish. The team will travel to Heidelberg Saturday in the second round of the playoffs.

- ★ Students planning to apply for the Emerging Leaderships Scholarship for Notre Dame Vision this summer, should turn in applications with a \$100 deposit to the front office by this Friday morning. Bragg Moore will be picking these up on Friday. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Youth Ministry at the Diocese.
- ★ There will be an Interact meeting today after school in the auditorium.